REMARKS

The Office Action, mailed August 10, 2009, has been received and its contents carefully noted. The pending claims, claims 3, 4, 9-10, 12-15, 21, 23 and 25, were rejected while claim 4 was objected to.

In the present Amendment the specification and Abstract have been amended to better conform the language with an embodiment illustrative of the present state of prosecution.

In the present Amendment, claims 3, 13 and 25 have been amended. Claim 13 includes some minor editorial amendments while claim 25 has been made to depend from claim 3.

In the Office Action, claim 4 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but noted to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended independent claim 3 by adding in limitations from objected to claim 4 in a manner believed to render the amended claim 3 in immediate condition for allowance. Therefore, claim 3 and claims 9, 10, 12-14 and 25 dependent on independent claim 3 are also submitted to be allowable.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/550,677 Attorney Docket No. 034206R002

hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Attorney Docket No. 034206R002.

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